In new clause (*d*) proposed by clause 3 (ii) (*c*) *omit* the proviso.

' (2) In clause 4 *omit* the words " requisitioned or '."

The amendments were put and lost.

Clauses 3 and 4 were put and carried.

Clause 1 was put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill*, 1950 (*L.A. Bill No.* 19 *of* 1950), *as passed by the Assembly, be passed* '."

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" The motion is—

' that the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 19 of 1950), as passed by the Assembly, be passed '."

The motion was carried.

VI.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* MONEY BILLS—CHAIRMAN'S FINDINGS.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" Before we proceed to the next item on the agenda, I have to make the following announcement on behalf of the Hon. Chairman regarding Money Bills, because the next Bill on the agenda is a Money Bill. The following findings are given by the Hon. Chairman regarding Money Bills :—

' (1) In the case of Money Bills also as in the case of other Bills, there ought to be three readings.

(2) If at the stage of second reading any recommendations or amendments to various clauses are approved by the House, the appropriate motion for the third reading will be as follows :—

" I move that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following recommendations. "

(3) If there are no recommendations, the appropriate motion for the third reading will be 'that the Bill be read a third time and passed'.

(4) It is incumbent on the Government to take the Bill through all the three stages and make the appropriate motions if they want to proceed with the Bill. It will not be open to them to refuse to make the appropriate motion.'

" The reasons for these motions will be given later."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Was this discussed at the Speakers' Conference? "

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DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" It was discussed at the Speakers' Conference."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Then what happens to the Bill that was passed at the last session? "

VII.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ENTERTAINMENTS TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1950 (L.A. BILL NO. 20 OF 1950).

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Sir, I move— 12 noon.

' *that the Madras Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Bill*[a], 1950 (*L.A. Bill No.* 20 *of* 1950), *as passed by the Assembly and transmitted to the Council, be taken into consideration.*'

" Sir, last year we passed the Cinematographs Tax Act and it was to be in force only for a year. That year has expired by the end of July. So, we had to issue an Ordinance to keep it alive pending the decision of the Legislature. This Bill seeks to give the Bill a life of four years from the date of its commencement. Already one year is over and for three more years we are seeking to keep it alive.

" As hon. Members are aware, the Act contemplates a show tax on every cinema show exhibited in the city and in the Municipalities—Rs. 2-8-0 for every show in the city, Rs. 2 for every show in first and second-grade municipalities, Rs. 1-8-0 for every show in third-grade municipalities and Re. 1 for every show in major panchayats with a population of not less than 10,000. There was a fear last year when we brought forward this legislation that it might seriously affect the cinema theaters altogether because the Government of India were coming forward with their measures and they were also collecting some money from the theatres. So, we want it to be in force for only a year. Now we find there is no serious detrimental effect on the cinema shows. On the other hand, our entertainments tax is on the increase. We got about 3 lakhs of rupees last year and we expect to get about 5 lakhs of rupees this year if this Bill is allowed to go through. There was also not much of serious opposition except a very formal resolution by the Film Chamber. Therefore, it is only a very small thing. The Government would get about 5 lakhs in a year and it is not an inconsiderable sum seeing that we are not in a very happy position just now. Therefore, I request that the House may give its approval for continuing it for three more years. We have been accustomed to it for the last one year and we may continue it for another three years."

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" The motion is—

' That the Madras Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 20 of 1950), as passed by the Assembly and transmitted to the Council, be taken into consideration '."

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